

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-14 were allowed, claim 15 was rejected, and claim 16 was objected to. With this Amendment, claim 16 was amended, and claim 15 was cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-14 and 16 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,044,513 in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,524,558. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

With this amendment, claim 15 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Objection to Claims

Claim 16 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 16 into independent form.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that this objection has been obviated, and respectfully request its withdrawal.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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